

Richmond Planning Commission
Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Unapproved Minutes

Members Present: Sean Foley, Mark Fausel, Brian Tellstone, Lauck Parke, Joy Reap, Alison Anand

Absent: None

Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Scott Nickerson

Public Comment – n/a

Administrative Items & Updates

- Approve meeting minutes –September 20, 2017 minutes.

Motion by Fausel to approve the September 20, 2017 minutes, seconded by Tellstone, Park abstain. So voted.

Town Plan

The Commission members reviewed the documents provided by the consultant from the day before. The members agreed that this was too soon to be able to discuss the documents because no one had time to read and review them. The Commission members agreed to divide the sections up for individual review/recommendation and come back for a special meeting on the 11th, as well as on the 18th and 25th.

The Manager was directed to reach out to the Regional Planning Commission and find out what they needed, and by when. Mr. Foley was not certain that full Planning Advisory Committee approval was needed by the first week of November and that staff notes/comments could be enough for us to modify the plan and move forward. In the meantime, Ms. Reap would contact the consultant and former planner Clare Rock to get clarity on the updates and try and synchronize the plan sections with meetings.

Goals: Ms. Anand would review and comment on the following goals: Natural and Working Lands; History and Traditions; Small Town Character.

Dr. Parke would take: Affordability; Economic Opportunity; Transparent and inclusive decision making.

Mr. Foley would take: Energy; Safe and Resilient Community; Community for All Ages.

Mr. Fausel said he would review all sections and the introduction.

Mr. Tellstone would take: Future Land Use.

Ms. Reap would take: Social/Cultural/Recreation; Vibrant and appealing downtown; Economic opportunity.

The board also agreed that while the main document should not be modified by the consultant before the 11th, the remaining goals could be produced and distributed.

The commissioners reviewed the Goals and Actions sections prepared by the consultant. The focus of the discussion was to review comments and questions and consolidate points if they could. This was a technical discussion and Mr. Fausel kept notes on his copy which was to be distributed to the consultant following the meeting.

Following this the board discussed preparations for the meeting on the 11th.

Adjourn

Tellstone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fausel, all in favor. So voted.

The meeting ending at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager